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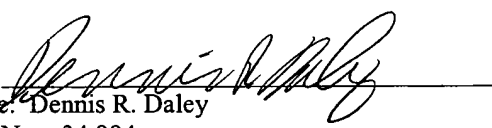
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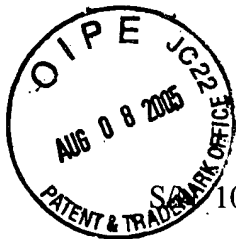
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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 6, 2005.

The outstanding Office Action requires an election of a "single disclosed species of fabric softening composition." In response to the election requirement, the Applicants hereby elect methyl bis(tallow amidoethyl)-2-hydroxyethyl ammonium methyl sulfate as the fabric treatment agent, and ethylene bis-stearamide as the carrier component.

It is understood that the Examiner will begin the prior art search with the elected species of fabric softening composition. In addition, once the elected species of fabric softening composition is found to be allowable, it is understood that the search will be extended to the remaining species of fabric softening composition.

It is unclear whether the Office Action is requiring identification of claims that read on the elected fabric softening composition. There appears to be no explicit statement requiring

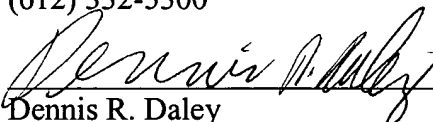
identification of claims readable on the fabric softening composition. In order to avoid another Office Action, the following claims are identified as claims readable on the elected fabric softening composition: claims 1-6, 9-11, 16, 18-27, 41-51, 53-55, and 60-70.

It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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